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News Release

HPD Partners with Special Olympics for Torch Run

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On Thursday, June 9, members of the Harrisonburg Police Department will begin their yearly run in support of the Special Olympics. The run will take off from the SunTrust Bank parking lot, 180 E. Market St.

At 8:00 a.m., the runners will begin a 22-mile run to carry the "Flame of Hope." The runners will make a stop at Enterprise Rent-A-Car, 3115 S. Main St. before leaving the city limits.

The torch will then be passed to other law enforcement agencies in Verona.

"Our Department is honored to carry the torch again this year for the Special Olympics," said Officer Mike Gangloff. "We are always impressed with the dedication and effort the Special Olympic athletes put forth not just for the run but everyday of their lives."

The "Flame of Hope" will be passed off and continue traveling until it reaches Richmond, VA, where the Special Olympics summer games will officially kick off.

Note to the media: Please let me know if you will be at one of the stops to ensure you get everything needed. If you will be at the kickoff, please arrive at 7:40 a.m.